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SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

LITERARY CIRCLE.

Ranking among the first of Hickman's social clubs is the Literary Circle.

The character of study for the present term beginning with October last, has been exceptionally good, and the twenty members have enjoyed this pleasant diversion from other pastimes. Some fine programs have been given, and the neatly typed written year books done by Mrs. H. F. Remley (a highly appreciated favor) contain several other fine numbers, yet to be given before it's close in May. Inclusive are two of Shakespeare's plays, one of Sir Walter Scott's productions and another by Thackeray alternating with current events, and magazine articles. The program of current topics given at the last meeting was especially interesting; an excellent article on the Pure Food question was read by Miss M. DeBow, and a number of other topics of interest reported.

Mrs. S. Luten will be the Circle's hostess on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. A program from Ivanhoe will be given. Character developments by Mme's C. C. Smith and S. Luten, Misses Dora Smith and Virginia Luten.

The Bachelor Girls were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. T. A. Lott for Friday evening. Progressive finch was played, Miss Nell Rogers, winning the club prize, a pair of silk hose, and Miss Marie Brevard the Booby, a Teddy Bear. Miss Ruby Fleming was the guest prize, a signed hat pin. Delightful refreshments consisting of olives, apple salad, cranberry ice, Welch rabbit and oyster patties were served.

The friends of Misses Maggie Lee and Birdie May Rice gave these two young ladies a very pleasant surprise Tuesday night, in the way of a "storm party." The occasion was an enjoyable one.

BACHELOR GIRLS.

On Tuesday evening the Bachelor Girls were royally entertained at six o'clock dinner by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Hubbard. The table was perfect in arrangement, the flowers, roses and carnations were beautiful, and the place cards were especially appropriate to each of the guests.

The dinner was superb and elegantly served. At the end valentines were given to each one, these being hearts with verses on them which were read aloud, adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion. After dinner some time was spent in social intercourse, and then finch was played for the remainder of the evening, the prizes being won by Miss Marie Brevard and Miss Maybell Puma. This delightful entertainment was then brought to a close by an interesting episode in which all the Bachelor Girls and one—well, that does not belong here, nobody knows but them, and of course they won't tell! The Bachelor Girls and one, proclaimed Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard an ideal host and hostess, and with many expressions of appreciation of their gracious hospitality, will say with one voice, "Here's to you, may you live long and prosper."

The Embroidery Club will be entertained next Friday afternoon by Mrs. T. T. Swayne.

Miss Mabel Fox entertained the Bachelor Girls Monday afternoon.

Invitations are out announcing a "Japanese Tea" at the home of Mrs. Pearl Roberts, on the evening of February 11.

Mrs. D. B. Wilson will entertain next Tuesday afternoon and evening.

—Old fashioned Pumpkin Pies at the K. K. branch office.

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A big stock of all the laughable comics as well as the dainty little inexpensive valentines, and also the high priced exquisite art effects. Very low prices and thousands to pick from.

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PAIN

Pain in the head—pain anywhere, has its cause. Pain is a sensation, pain is a signal, pain is a warning. It is the body's way of telling you that something is wrong. It is the body's way of telling you that you are overworked, that you are undernourished, that you are overexposed to heat or cold, that you are overexposed to noise or light, that you are overexposed to worry or anxiety. It is the body's way of telling you that you need rest, that you need food, that you need exercise, that you need a change of scene, that you need a change of air, that you need a change of heart.

Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets (ALL DEALERS)

The Lenten Season.

I am deeply anxious that this season of Lent shall be of real value to the members of our church. With this end in view I request every one to receive this as a personal communication, reading it thoughtfully and carefully.

Once a year there comes a season, when the church, following the life of Christ, draws near his cross, and then she intensifies what is her constant practice. By multiplied services, by special denials, and searching self-examinations, by meditation and prayer, we approach the cross, and learn its meaning. As the Master, when He would be with God, sought some solitude, so the church leads her children into the "desert place awhile."

When the fast railway train stops at certain long distances, you hear the stroke of the hammer on wheel after wheel, and the ring that answers tells whether there is any flaw in the metal. And just such a pause in the rush of life, and just such a stroke on the wheels of character, is the discipline of Lent.

"Lent" is an old English word, which means "Spring." Spring is by God's law the time of revival in the natural world. So in Lent, His Spirit calls the church, each parish, each christian, to a revival of their soul's life; not that we may go back after Lent to the same old level, but that our faith, becoming more deeply rooted, may enable us each year to live at a greater elevation above earth and nearer to heaven. In other words, these forty days are given us that we may after the example of our Lord, withdraw from the "noise and bustle of the world and draw nearer to God."

The volunteer regiments go into camp-life once a year to drill and to submit to martial law. So the children of God voluntarily allow a portion of time to give themselves "wholly to His holy will and pleasure."

As to the just and ridicule we so often hear about Lent, we leave that for the funny editor of the comic papers, or for the society editors of the daily papers. As Christians we tread on holy ground.

This Lenten season will bring to each one of us if we will let it, its peculiar blessings as we use its sacred help, and when it is past, and it has been to us "a well kept Lent" it will be an expression of gratitude to tell the new and blessed experiences that have come to us this year. So many centuries has helped souls heavenward. And now I take this opportunity to say that there will be services at the church on Ash Wednesday, February 13, at 10 a.m. and Friday night, February 14 at 7 p.m.

C. L. Price.

Declines to Run.

I will say to my friends, who have so kindly insisted on my making the race for senator of this district, that I can see no way clear where I could even accept it were it tendered me without opposition. However, thank them for the recognition and hope that my life among them will always be such that I can command the same respect. Respectfully,
J. K. Axson.

The Illinois Central coal chute at Paducah burned this week. The chute cost \$20,000 and all that the approach was destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$14,000. The cars were worth \$1,100 each, a total of \$5,500. The coal cost the company but \$1.25 a ton and the loss of fuel will not be over \$700. This estimates a total of \$20,200. The Illinois Central company carries no insurance; they carry an "insurance fund" that more than covers the losses.

Services at the Baptist church have been discontinued for the time being. Rev. Graves, the pastor, will leave Hickman in a short time much to the regret of his many friends.

Chief of Police Gason, of Jackson, Tenn., has ordered his patrolmen to arrest all idle boys who loaf around the down town streets.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

We give below some of the most important rules and regulations, governing water and light privileges. We, also, give the equalized rates on water and lights, taking effect February 1, 1907. This affects all users of lights and water.

RULE 1. All persons desiring to take water from this Company must make application at the Company's office, setting forth all purposes for which water is to be used upon their premises, that they may be assessed according to established rates.

RULE 2. Hydrants or water fixtures will not be permitted in exposed positions, or where they may be available to other premises or the public.

RULE 3. The Company reserves the right to set meters whenever there is any doubt as to the quantity of water used, or wasted, or where fixtures may be available to others.

The right is reserved to amend or add to the rules and regulations as experience may show to be necessary.

We will issue a pamphlet setting forth all rules and regulations, together with rates, and as soon as same has been published it will be furnished free to all customers as well as to those who anticipate putting in water or lights.

The Company reserves the right at any time to turn off the water in their mains, without notice, for the purpose of making repairs or extensions, or for other purposes, and persons having steam boilers within their premises, connected to the water mains direct, are hereby cautioned against collapse. They are required to supply them from a tank or cistern located between the main and the boiler and not direct from the water main.

Rates on Water, where Water is not Supplied by Meter Measurement.

Rates levied annually, and payable monthly in advance. Parties failing to pay on or before the tenth of the month will be cut off without notice. The fee for cutting off and on is \$1.00 each for water and lights and this amount will be added to the account in event parties desire to be reinstated.

PURPOSE	YEARLY	MONTHLY
Bath, private	\$ 6.00	\$ 50
" 1st tub public	12.00	1.00
" 2nd tub	9.00	.75
Barber shops, 2 chairs or less	12.00	1.00
" " each additional chair	4.80	.40
Bakery	6.00	.50
Blacksmith Shop, 1 fire	6.00	.50
" " each additional fire	3.00	.25
Banks	6.00	.50
Brick Yards	Special	
Building Purposes	Special	
Closets, private	6.00	.50
" public, 1st stall	12.00	1.00
" each additional stall	9.00	.75
Urinals, private	6.00	.50
" public	12.00	1.00
Dental Office	12.00	1.00
Gas Engines, 5 to 15 H. P	12.00	1.00
Hotels, 6 rooms or less	12.00	1.00
" each additional room	50	
Dwellings, 6 rooms or less	6.00	.50
" each additional room	50	
" occupied by two families	Special	
Ice Cream Parlors	12.00	.50
Laundries	36.00	3.00
Steam Laundries	Special	
Livery Stables	72.00	6.00
Offices	6.00	.50
Photograph Galleries	6.00	.50
Private Stables, 2 horses or less	6.00	.50
" " each additional head of stock	1.00	
Restaurants, general use	18.00	1.50
Stores, general use	6.00	.50
Soda Fountains	12.00	1.00
" " with tumbler washers	18.00	1.50
Schools	Special	
Sprinkling streets with 1-4 inch nozzle 25 ft. front or less (nozzles larger not allowed)	3.00	
Sprinkling yards or gardens	Special	
Steam Boilers, per H. P	2.40	
Printing Offices	6.00	.50
Fountains	Special	

Water Meter Rates.

For Gallons	per 1000 gal	cost	Gallons	Total
1st 1,000 or less monthly	\$	1.00	1,000	\$ 1.00
2nd 1,000	50	.50	2,000	1.50
3rd 1,000	45	.45	3,000	1.95
4th 1,000	40	.40	4,000	2.35
5th 1,000	35	.35	5,000	2.70
6th 1,000	30	.30	6,000	3.00
7th 1,000	25	.25	7,000	3.25
8th 1,000	20	.20	8,000	3.45
9th 1,000	15	.15	9,000	3.60
10th 1,000	10	.10	10,000	3.70
11th 1,000	5	.05	11,000	3.75
12th 1,000	0	.00	12,000	3.75
13th 1,000	0	.00	13,000	3.75
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41st 1,000	0	.00	41,000	3.75
42nd 1,000	0	.00	42,000	3.75
43rd 1,000	0	.00	43,000	3.75
44th 1,000	0	.00	44,000	3.75
45th 1,000	0	.00	45,000	3.75
46th 1,000	0	.00	46,000	3.75
47th 1,000	0	.00	47,000	3.75
48th 1,000	0	.00	48,000	3.75
49th 1,000	0	.00	49,000	3.75
50th 1,000	0	.00	50,000	3.75

Residence Lights on Flat Rate.

1st 16 C. P. Light	.75 per mo.
All other 16 C. P.	.50 " mo. ea.
8 C. P. Light	.35 " mo. ea.

Flat Rate on All-night Lights in Business Houses

One light only, 16 C. P., all night rate	1.00 per month.
2 lights or more 16 C. P., all night, each	.75 per month.
Store lights, usual burning	.50 per month.

Water Meter on Lights

10 ampere meter or less, entitling customer to 15000 watts, \$1.50 per month minimum. All over this amount, 10c per 1000 watts
20 ampere meter, entitling customer to 20,000 watts, \$2.00 per month minimum. All over this amount at 10c per 1000 watts

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Musical History Club.

The Musical History Club met at the home of Miss Duesenberg, Tuesday afternoon, January 22. Quite an interesting program was rendered:
Franz Peter Schubert—Miss Rose Campbell.
Anton Rubinstein—Miss Cecile Barnes.

History of Jesus, Lover of My Soul—Miss Ruby Seay.
Paper—Classic and Romantic Music—Miss Ruby Fleming.
Music by each member of the Club.

JANUARY 15 MEETING.

Arthur Foot—Miss Eliza Taylor.
Story of Sunset and Evening Star—Hazel Johnson.
The Origin of Music and its Object—Miss Maggie Lee Rice.

Woodland Mills.

E. O. Wilson is on the sick list. Andrew Burrus spent Sunday with her parents.

J. L. Rush was in Nubia, Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carver were the guests of Wm. Saunders Sunday.

We were visited by a snow storm Sunday night, and it snowed now.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson, Ed. and Mrs. Tom Black, Sunday and Sunday.

Mr. Wm Roach has been ill for the week past with "grip" but is convalescent at present.

Miss Nan Threlkeld is expected home, Friday, after an extensive visit to friends at Little Rock and Piggott, Ark.

Miss Beatrice West, formerly of Woodland, died at her home at Terrell last Tuesday, evening, Christmas eve. She was taken ill with typhoid fever and was ill two weeks when it developed in typhoid pneumonia. She was a native of among her companions, an able girl in every respect. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family. Her remains were laid to rest in the graveyard at Terrell, Thursday.

Last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Isbell, Miss Mamie Isbell and Mr. Lester Cummings were united in marriage, Rev. L. N. Penick, of Martin, officiating. The bride was lovely in a gown of white chiffon over silk. They marched in to the time of "I do" to the strains of "I do" played by Miss Lora Marshall, the bride's maid. On account of the late hour of the wedding, the groom's party only relatives and a few friends were present. Light refreshments were served after the bride and groom were driven to the groom's parents where they enjoyed a sumptuous repast.

EVEN FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Leving, Grand Juror, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter, for rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time, I was down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get away, but on applying your liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by Cowell's Drug Store and Hein and Ellison.

We were in receipt of a letter this week from Miss Jessie Burns of Cayce, who was reported in last week's issue as having married, stating that the report was erroneous. Our correspondent was no doubt misinformed.

Crutchfield.

Mrs. Sore is able to sit up now. Dan Gore has a boy at his home. Joe Ferguson was in Crutchfield Monday.

Mrs. Hill Caldwell has been on the sick list.

A crowd went to Wickliffe Sunday to see the water.

Wade Scott of Moscow, was in Crutchfield Sunday.

Bryant Williams killed some hogs the first of the week.

John M. Stratham and son were in Crutchfield Saturday.

Bob Love says doctake the Berken Gazette any more.

Albert Caldwell and children spent Sunday with his mother.

John Ferguson went to Union City Saturday to see his cousin.

Mrs. Kate Matlock went to Barfield Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Black.

Old Bransford's little son fell Saturday while playing, and was painfully hurt.

Lonnie Brown returned home Saturday from Tennessee, where he has been attending school.

RHEUMATISM

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The Circulation Stimulated
and the Muscles and Joints
lubricated by using

Sloan's Liniment

Price 25c 50c & \$1.00
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Sloan's Treatise On The Horse Sent Free
Address Dr Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass.

The Kicker's Club.

They kick when it's dry, they kick when it's wet.
They kick when they shy at a good winning bet.
They kick when it's warm, they kick when it's cold,
They kick at the storm or the summer time fold;
They kick at the rain, they kick at the snow,
They kick at the pain of the rheumatic woe;
They kick at the fun and the laughter aloud,
They kick at the sun and they kick at the cloud;
They kick at the drink, they kick at the dust,
They kick when they shrink and they kick when they bust,
They kick if they fall, they kick if they rise,
They kick good and tall at the stars and the skies,
They kick if they're sick, they kick if they're well,
They kick till the kick kicks them out of this earth.

Group can positively be stopped in 30 minutes. No vomiting—nothing to sicken or distress your child. A sweet, pleasant, and safe Syrup, called Dr. Shoop's Croup Cure, does the work and does it quickly. Dr. Shoop's Croup Cure is for Croup alone, remember. It does not claim to cure a dozen ailments. It's for Croup, that's all. Sold by All Dealers.

A special from Fulton says: Miss Lieve Tanner and J. F. Melton, of Kuthville, eloped to Fulton and were united in marriage. Both were content of receiving the parental blessing upon their return to Kuthville.

Meals cooked right, served right, prices right, day or night, at the Elite Cafe, in the Warren Bldg.

"Cut it Out"

says many a doctor to his lady patients, because he doesn't know of any medicine that will cure female troubles except the surgeon's knife.

That such a medicine exists, however, is proved by thousands of cures made by

VINE OF CARDUI

Cures Womb Disease

It has saved the lives of many weak, sick women and rescued others from a lifetime of chronic ailments. It will cure you if you will only give it a chance. Try it. Sold by all druggists and dealers in \$1.00 bottles.

GAVE UP SUPPORTER.

"I was a supporter for four years, to keep up my womb," writes Mrs. S. J. Chapman, of Altonville, N.Y. "My doctor said no medicine would help me. After taking Cardui I gave up my supporter and am now well."

Important Meeting, Hickman Local Union, A. S. of E.

A stated meeting of Hickman Local Union number 487 will convene on Monday night, Feb. 11 inst. at 8 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present. The farmers of Fulton Co. are preparing to do things along the line of controlled marketing. A movement is on foot that is very important to the merchant, and as this union is composed principally of this class, they will do well to get together and debate these matters in anticipation of how the business of Hickman will be effected. The allied trades organizations of America will cooperate with the A. S. of E. in the future, and already activity is manifested by both in getting the consumer and producer in touch, with a view to placing union label goods on the market. These are live issues in union circles and we will do well to get together and consider these matters. Kentucky is the banner state in this movement, and so far H. L. U. number 487 has been the banner union of Fulton Co. Let us interest ourselves in the affairs of the county in an aggressive manner, not only from the standpoint of price making but also along progressive lines in crop making. Don't forget the date Monday night, Feb. 11 at 8 o'clock, at Tom Dillon Sr.'s. Old Ice Office. Members of other unions who may be in the city, and all friends of this progressive movement are cordially invited to be present.

At 8 p. m. while Ma and Pa helped entertain with Sir. Both Tom and May in distant seats sat far apart like this.

At 9 p. m. as Pa withdrew. And sought his room upstairs. The lovers found some photographs And nearer brought their chairs.

At 10 p. m. Mamma decamped And then ye gods, what bliss, These lovers sat till nearly one. About a closeishish.

A BABY should be sunshine in the house, and will be if you give it White's Cream Vermifuge the best worm medicine offered to suffering humanity. This remedy is becoming the permanent fixture of all households. A mother with children, can't get along without a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge in the house. Sold by Cowgill's Drug Store and Helm and Ellison.

They are now making imitation silk from the bulls of the cotton seed. The bulls are placed in a conical-shaped receptacle and under pressure is forced through a multitude of holes into a preparation of chemicals. The hair-like threads are thus formed and are wound-like silk on glass reels. The resulting artificial threads are stronger than hairs and have the appearance and property of real silk.—Dunklin Democrat.

DON'T PUT OFF

until tomorrow what you can do today. If you are suffering from torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help.

Buy a bottle of Herbine and get that liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. "Mrs. Lita Greenham, Point Tex, writes: I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by Cowgill's Drug Store and Helm and Ellison.

Courier's Home Circle

Make home a hive where all beautiful feelings Cluster like bees and their honey dew bring.
Make it a temple of holy revelations And love it's bright angels with shadowy wing.
Then will it be, when afar on life's billow Wherever your tempest tossed children are flung
They will long for the shade of the home-weeping willows, And sing the sweet song which their mother had sung."

Home is where the heart is; a place our feet may leave but not our hearts. Home is where peace, joy, comfort and happiness reign. Where father whistles merrily, where mother sings cheerily, where children are happy, joyous and gay; where the family gathers around the evening lamp, busy with books the needle, the papers and the playthings and bask in the sunshine of each other's love.

"Home is not merely four square feet of wood and brick and spacious halls."

The carpenter is abroad in the land and many new houses are going up. Not a few of them are to be occupied by young people, who have lately gone through the ordeal of a wedding march and marriage ceremony. As a matter of course there has been a great deal of talking "under the roses" about the location the style of architecture, the quality and quantity of furniture to be purchased, and how they intended to live when they take possession of this modernized Eden. Oh, we wish we could impress it on their minds that it doesn't matter so much whether the house be built after Gothic or pioneer style of architecture, whether the furnishing is of fashionable make or home manufacture; whether the walls are hung with costly tapestry or with family wardrobe, if love and virtue cement the family circle, it will be home in the truest sense of the word. The body is but the dwelling place of the soul, so, likewise the house is but the tenement of the home. We cannot all have perfect forms, and classic features, but we can have pure, beautiful spirits; we cannot all have elegant, richly furnished homes, but we can have sunny, pleasant homes.

GIVE THEM NOW.

[One has said: Do not love the alabaster boxes of our love and tenderness sealed up till your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled by them. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. Let us learn to anoint our friends before hand for their burial.]

If you have gentle words and looks, my friends,
To spare for me—if you have tears to shed,
That I have suffered—give them not, I pray
Until I hear not, see not, being dead.

If you have flowers to give—fair lily buds,
White roses, daisies, meadow—stars that be
Mine own dear namesakes let them smile and make

The Good Thing

AN OINTMENT
RU-MA-GO
Is that it is a real cure, and
MAKES RHEUMATISM GO

To Stay Gone.

It is taken internally and doesn't just relieve—it cures. Does not hurt the stomach. Ask those who have tried it and then buy a bottle on a guarantee, for it stays gone.

T. T. SWAYNE,

Hickman, Kentucky.

The air, while yet I breathe it, sweet for me.
For loving looks, though fraught with tenderness,
Kindly tears, though they fall thick and fast,
And words of praise, alas! can naught avail,
To lift the shadow from a life that's past.
And rarest blossoms, what can they suffice?
Offered to one who can no longer gaze
Upon their beauty; Flowers in coffins laid
Impart no sweetness to departed days.

THE JOY OF HOME.

Home life is the source of exquisite blessing. There is nothing more attractive, refining and uplifting than its simple joys and freese pleasures. The world has pleasures gay and bright but nothing exceeds the joy of home; and bliss of our own fireside. It is the place of gladness where burns the firelight bright. We cross the doersill and enter the garden of paradise. We cannot be indifferent to the sweet attractions, simple pleasures, pleasant conversation and sweet scenes of the family circle. None are more bright, more pure and none more like the love of heaven. It is more like heaven than any spot on earth.

Some one has said, "It is a special creation of Christianity." There is no other spot on earth so dear. How men long for the quiet and repose. "I long to see home," feels the sailor lad as he climbs the mast amid the storms on the ocean wave. "I am going home," says the business man as he bars the door and shuts the blinds after a day of vexatious cares.

"Home," shouts the school boy when the day's studies are over. "I must hurry home," feels the fond mother as she passes along the crowded street thinking of the ones who need her watchful care.

"Tis sweet to hear the watch dog's honest bark.

Bay deep-mouthed welcome as we draw near home:

"Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark

Our coming and look brighter when we come."

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

It is certainly wisdom to use common sense in the reading of the scriptures! We get any other book and we open it and we say: "Now, what does this book mean to teach me? It is a book on astrology, it will teach me astronomy. It is a book on political economy; it will teach me political economy." Taking up the Bible, do we ask ourselves what it means to teach? It means to do just one thing: get the world converted and get us all to heaven. That is what it proposes to do. But instead of that, we go into the Bible as botanist to pick flowers, or we go as pugilists to get something to fight other Christians with, or we go as logicians trying to sharpen our mental faculties for a better argument, and we do not like this about the Bible, and we do not like that, and we do not like the other thing. What would you think of a man lost on the mountains? Night had come down; he cannot find his way home, and he sees a light in a mountain cabin; he goes to it, he knocks at the door; the mountaineer comes out and finds the stranger and says: "Well, here I have a lantern; you can take it, and it will guide you the way home;" and suppose that man should say: "I don't like the handle of it, there are ten or fifteen things about it I do not like; if you can't give me a better lantern than that I won't have any."

Now, God says this Bible is to be a lamp to our feet and a lantern to our path, to guide us through the midnight of this world to the gates of the celestial city. We take hold of it in sharp criticism, and depreciate it, and depreciate that. Oh! how much wiser we would be if, by this holy light we found our way to our everlasting home.

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